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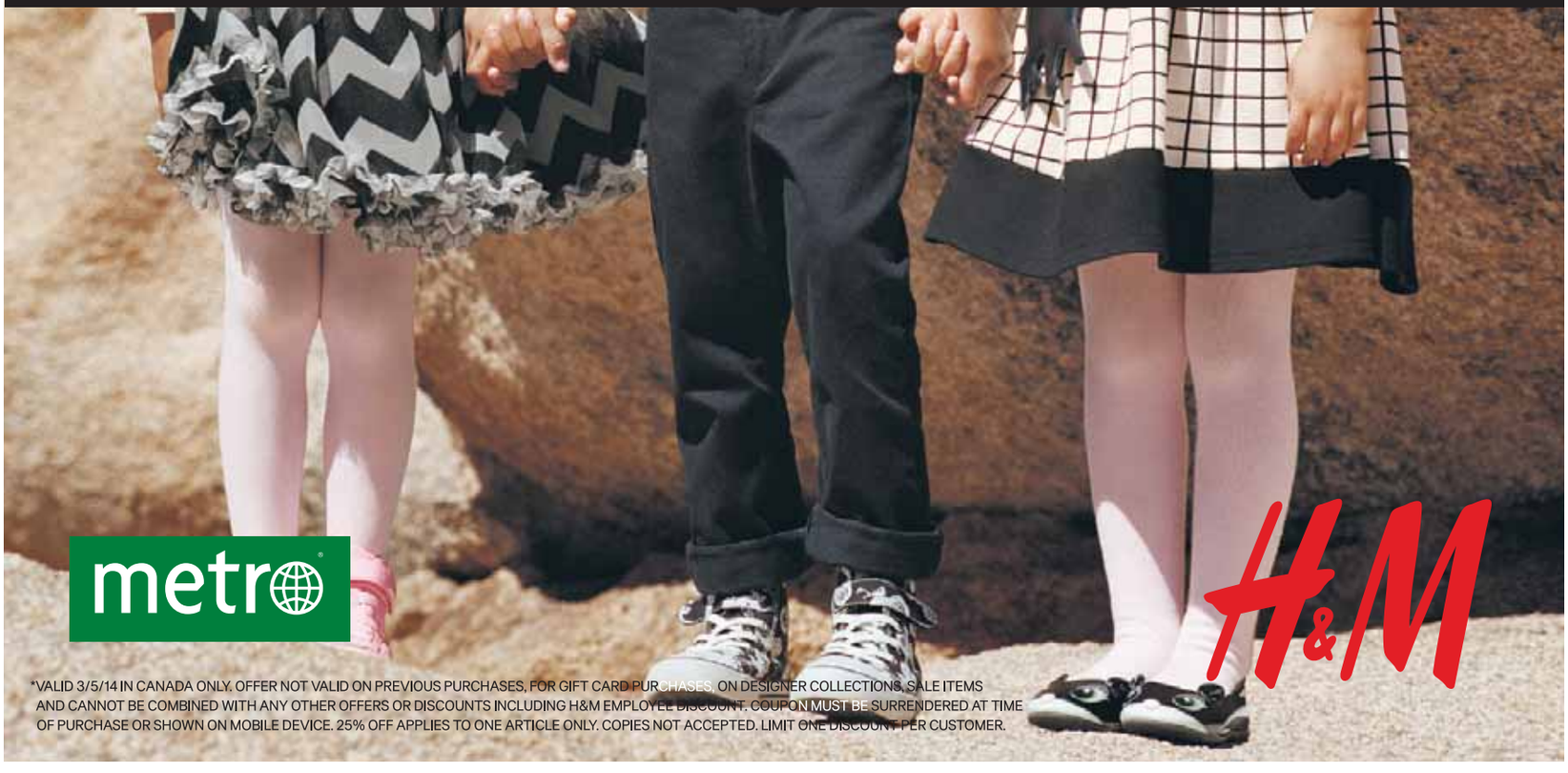

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Mike Farnworth first out of the gate in NDP leader race

Redefining the NDP?
Runner-up in last race wants a party more open to resource development

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The race is on.

The news to date surrounding the soon-to-be-vacated NDP leadership has been more about those who aren't running (Gregor Robertson, David Eby, John Horgan, Nathan Cullen, Kennedy Stewart) than those who are.

But on Sunday, NDP MLA Mike Farnworth became the first person to announce he's gunning for the top seat.

"I'm very excited; it's important our party is in the best position possible to win the next election in 2017," said Farnworth. "In the last election we had a positive message but we left too many issues on the table, we didn't press the government hard enough."

The NDP's stunning election loss under Adrian Dix last year has left a party that's divided and looking for answers.

Farnworth — who was runner-up to Dix in the party's last leadership race — says that as more challengers step up, the party will have the opportunity to redefine itself.

"That's what's great about the leadership race — it lets us have that debate," said the MLA for Port Coquitlam.

Unlike Dix's opposition to energy projects, Farnworth wants an NDP that's more open to resource development, without turning its back on the environment, in a bid to appeal to rural British Columbians.

"In the Lower Mainland, we have a thriving tech sector but resource development is crucial to the lifeblood of small communities in this province," Farnworth said. "The public has to have confidence in how we reach those decisions. Environmental assessments have to be thorough and transparent so people see how, and why, if it got to 'yes.'"

The NDP will vote on a new leader Sept. 28.

Mike Farnworth has thrown his hat in the ring to be the next leader of the provincial NDP. METRO FILE

Hootsuite got more cash from city than vice-versa

Hootsuite employees inside a tent at HQ. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

The first year social-media company Hootsuite leased a city-owned building, it got more cash from Vancouver than it paid in rent.

The city finally released the amount changing hands between it and Hootsuite after a political opponent alleged Mayor Gregor Robertson acted in conflict of interest when he voted in favour of the company leasing 5 East 8th Ave.

Last year, the city gave Hootsuite $698,922 to upgrade the building, while Hootsuite paid the city $692,145.80 in rent, parking and property taxes, according to documents released via freedom-of-information requests posted online last week. The city also paid Hootsuite $42,439 for its software services.

According to the five-year lease, Hootsuite will have to return a portion of the renovation money if it buys the building before the end of the term. Its monthly rent rate increases annually by a few thousand.

The lease was awarded in May 2012 after the city rejected four offers from an open bid process because they were below market value.

In a lawsuit against the mayor filed last month, Cedar Party candidate Glen Chernen alleges the lease was a sweetheart deal done behind closed doors because of the company's relationship with the mayor.

The mayor has called the lawsuit "bizarre," but his office had no further response to the newly released numbers.

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Court of Appeal. Decision expected in challenge to drinking-and-driving law

The B.C. Court of Appeal is expected to render judgment Monday on B.C. drinking-and-driving laws.

Groups such as the B.C. Civil Liberties Association argued in March that the laws are unconstitutional because police have the power to administer automatic penalties, such as roadside bans and vehicle seizures, without any sort of court process.

"It violates the right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty," wrote BCCLA lawyer Raji Mangat in a statement.

The provincial government changed its original stiff 2010 legislation in 2012 to allow drivers to challenge punishment through the Office of the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles.

It also made police offer a second breathalyzer test on a different machine if a driver failed to mitigate the possibility of false readings.

The government says drinking-and-driving fatalities have decreased by 52 per cent since it launched the Immediate Roadside Prohibition program in 2010, which represents 190 lives that have been saved.

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Crystal Mountain

Four taken to hospital after chairlift accident

Authorities say four people were taken to hospital Saturday after a cable supporting chairlift seats at a B.C. ski resort came off.

A spokesman for the BC Safety Authority says the incident caused two chairs to hit the snow at the Crystal Mountain Resort in West Kelowna. Paramedics say two people were critically hurt in the six-metre fall, while two others suffered minor injuries.

The Authority is investigating. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kitimat's floating hotel arrives in Vancouver

The flotel cometh. Cruise ferry will see a $4-million renovation and will be stocked with $1 million in food before it's re-branded

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The Silja Festival cruise ferry arrives in Vancouver on Saturday. COURTESY JESSICA HAYDAHL

It entered Vancouver as a ferry and it will leave as a hotel.

The Silja Festival completed a 40-day journey from the Baltic Sea through the Panama Canal and up to Seaspan's Vancouver Drydock on Saturday.

There, the 171-metre cruise ferry will undergo a $4-million renovation. It will also be stocked with $1 million of food before it is re-branded the Delta Spirit Lodge and sent to Kitimat to serve as a "flotel" or floating hotel.

The hotel will accommodate 600 construction workers on Rio Tinto's ongoing modernization project.

The unique housing solution is meant to relieve stress on the local economy. The area is facing a shortage of rental units and escalating housing costs.

Bridgemans Services, a company specializing in floating hotel and workforce camps for energy and construction industries on the West Coast, says the vessel's extreme makeover will take about 10 days.

More than 150 workers have been contracted to clean and retrofit the ship.

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Unanimous vote. Ports truckers to go on strike

Four hundred unionized truckers serving Vancouver ports have voted to go on strike.

Unifor's Vancouver Container Truck Association says the vote was unanimous. The walkout starts Wednesday evening. The union's president, Paul Johal, says long wait times and low pay rates have caused the dispute.

Johal says truckers are paid by the load. He says he workers must deliver five loads per day to earn a decent living, but are only able to deliver three due to long wait times at Port Metro Vancouver facilities

Port authority

Port Metro Vancouver says in a release that it is trying to alleviate wait times but wage issues must be settled between truckers and their employers.

The strike vote follows a work stoppage by the United Truckers Association, a group of roughly 1,000 non-unionized workers, which began Feb. 26 over similar issues.

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Charles Reid retires

BC Hydro searches for new CEO

BC Hydro is on the hunt for a new CEO after Charles Reid announced his retirement on Friday.

Reid will stay on with the corporation until June and will help with the recruitment of a successor.

Energy Minister Bill Bennett issued a statement thanking Reid, specifically with developing BC Hydro's contentious 10-year-plan that will see electricity rates increase by 25.5 per cent over the next five years as the utility provider modernizes its aging infrastructure.

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Veterans Affairs picks up cenotaph's clean-up bill

Graffiti marks on the cenotaph outside Richmond City Hall. COURTESY RCMP

Outside Richmond City Hall. RCMP search for graffiti vandals who defaced monument to fallen soldiers of the First World War

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While Richmond RCMP continue to hunt those responsible for the vandalism of a First World War cenotaph, the Department of Veterans Affairs announced it is ready to pick up the cleaning bill.

"The Department of Veterans Affairs has reached out to the City of Richmond and we will ensure that they have financial support for their restoration efforts if needed," said Minister of Veteran Affairs Julian Fantino in a press release.

"I encourage any community members with information about this incident to contact local police immediately," Fantino said.

Police believe the damage was done between 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. on either Feb. 24 or Feb. 25.

Other graffiti markings were also found on statues along River Road and the historic Britannia shipyards.

Police are asking anyone with information on these incidents to call Richmond RCMP at 604-278-1212 or to make an anonymous call, dial 1-800-222-8477 to reach Crime Stoppers.

Outrage

"Vandalizing a memorial to those who served Canada is shameful."

Julian Fantino, minister of veterans affairs

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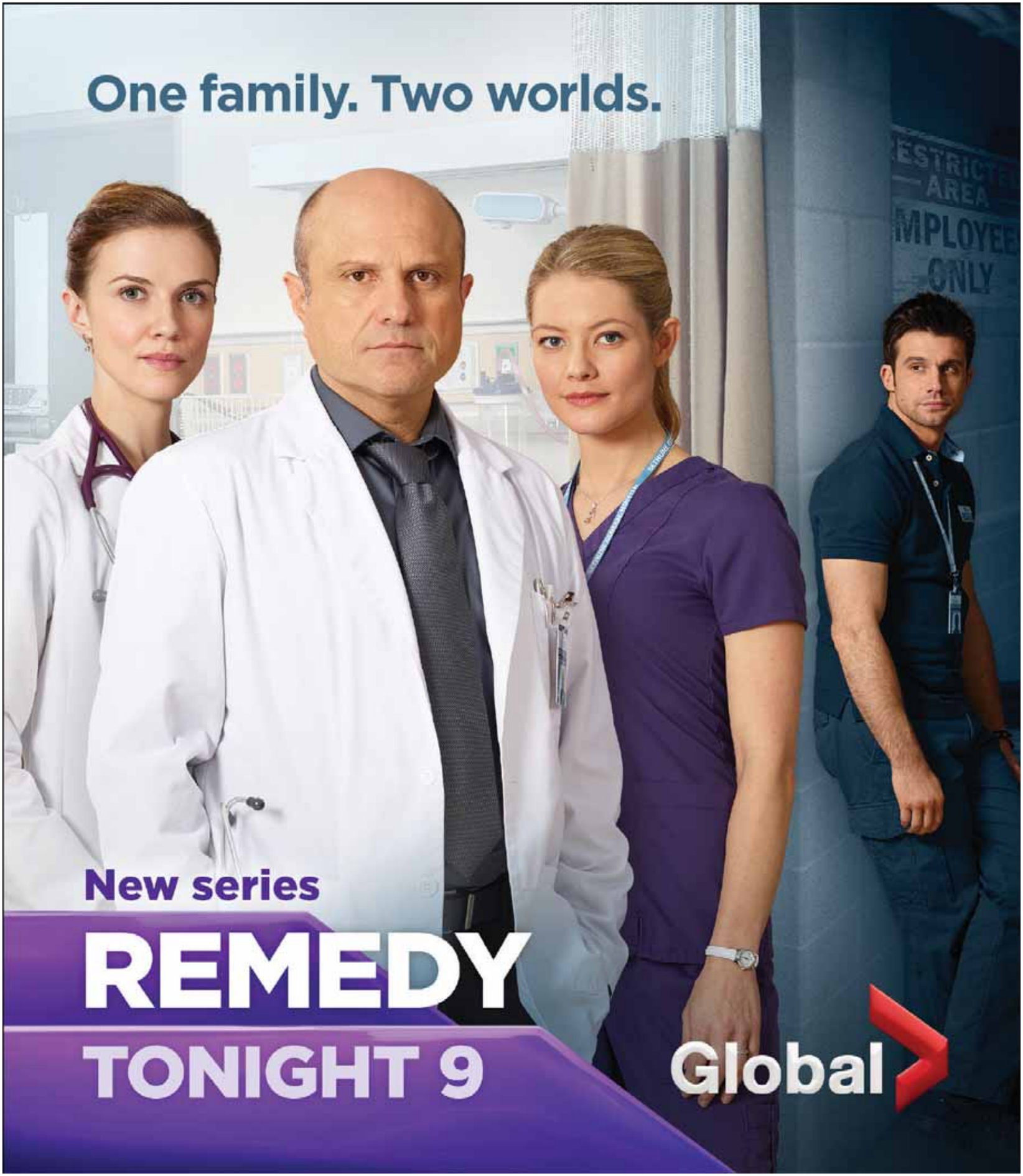
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Heritage Classic still a hit with fans

West Coast winter conditions — a.k.a. a miserable rainy day — meant the retractable roof at BC Place stayed closed for Sunday's Heritage Classic, one of six 'outdoor' hockey games held around the league this season. Alas, the good ol' hockey game wasn't played in the same atmosphere as the good ol' days, but the 54,194 fans packed into the stadium didn't seem to mind (although their cheers didn't quite raise the roof). Minor hockey teams, families and even Ottawa Senators fans came out in droves to watch the Canucks play in their old-school Millionaires jerseys for a day that celebrated Canada's favourite sport.

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1 The great indoors.

Rain over the South Coast meant BC Place's retractable roof was closed for the Heritage Classic yesterday, where more than 54,000 people took in the game.
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2 O Sarah.

Canadian singer Sarah McLachlan sings O Canada before the game.
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3 Old school.

The Vancouver Canucks were decked out in vintage cream/maroon Vancouver Millionaires jerseys. The game was marketed as a tribute to the 1915 Stanley Cup final between the Millionaires and Ottawa Senators. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

4 Class of '94.

Former Canucks GM and coach Pat Quinn, left, shakes hands with former captains Trevor Linden, centre, and Stan Smyl and other members of the '94 Canucks squad that lost in the Stanley Cup finals to the New York Rangers.
JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

An hour before game time, the NHL decided to keep the roof closed due to the accumulation of precipitation and a forecast of more rain, according to public relations.

The decision to not open up the stadium — its fancy roof cost taxpayers half a billion dollars — attracted more than its fair share of snarky comments on social media.

"We all remember growing up with a retractable roof over our backyard rinks," Mike S. posted on Twitter.

"Calling a hockey game at B.C. Place an 'outdoor' game is like calling a car with a sun roof a convertible," Mike Marshall wrote.

Some attendees were disappointed the weather didn't co-operate.

"We were hoping for snow.… It's supposed to be a winter game," said Canucks fan Laura Tapp, who bought tickets to the game for her adult children for Christmas.

Weather aside, her family of seven was having a good time at the pre-game festival, a street party complete with Tim Hortons coffee, street hockey for kids and, naturally, a lineup for the beer garden. It hit capacity before noon.

Allen Akiyama, on the other hand, was pleased to get out of the rain. He and his dad Bud, 92, took the morning ferry over from Vancouver Island to see the game with his brother Terry.

"Half the people here I think were on the ferry," he said, as the three men donned their brand-new retro jerseys.

Certainly, it was a good day for sales for the NHL. The line for merchandise was longer than the beer line and, despite having many tickets available the week before the game, the stadium only had a few empty seats.

One ticket scalper even managed to sell a pair of 200-level tickets for $500, he said, and business was hopping two hours before game time.

But the excitement was most palpable among the minor hockey league players, many wearing their team jerseys, who won tickets to the game.

Ten-year-old Carsen, who plays for the Langley Blades atom team, had pretty high hopes for a Canucks win but was mostly excited to spend time with his teammates, he said as they played air hockey at the pre-game festival.

Some youngsters even got the chance to play street hockey with players from the gold-medal-winning Canadian women's Olympics team.

And the coaches knew the teams were lucky to be there. An email glitch meant the Canucks told some teams they won tickets when they hadn't, leaving a number of young players disappointed.

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5 Olympic fun.

Members of Team Canada's gold-medal-winning hockey team play shinny with a group of children at the Plaza of Nations prior to the game. The woman's team was honoured beforehand.
JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

Ottawa student says she is a 'rape culture' victim

Apology not enough. Woman facing legal threats after speaking out against graphic Facebook conversation

Anne-Marie Roy, seen here in a 2013 rally in Ottawa. Roy is speaking out about an online conversation among five fellow students in which she was the target of sexually graphic banter. BEW POWLESS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A University of Ottawa student union leader says an online conversation among five students in which she was the target of sexually graphic banter shows that "rape culture" is prevalent on Canadian campuses.

Anne-Marie Roy, 24, is going public despite threats of legal action by four of the male students. Roy — who received a copy of the conversation via an anonymous email — said she felt compelled to speak out, especially since the five were in positions of leadership on campus.

"They should be held accountable for those actions," said Roy, who heads the Student Federation of the University of Ottawa.

The conversation — a copy of which was obtained by The Canadian Press — included references to sexual activities some of the five individuals wrote they would like to engage in with Roy, as well as suggestions that she suffered from sexually transmitted diseases.

Roy said she received an emailed apology from the men, which emphasized that their comments were never actual threats against her, but she felt the apology wasn't enough. She planned to distribute copies of the conversation to the board of administration, which oversees the affairs of the student union, while asking the board to move a motion to "condemn" those involved.

After learning of Roy's plan, four of the five individuals sent her a letter warning her that the conversation was private and that sharing it with others would amount to a violation of their rights. THE CANADIAN PRESS

How many Jack the Rippers hide in the London (Ont.) fog?

Criminologist Mike Arntfield. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO IN LONDON, ONT.

London, Ont., is the serial killer capital of the world, a Western University expert claims in a shocking upcoming book.

Criminology professor Mike Arntfield says past London murders point towards unknown serial killers. Between 1960 and 1985, London had 32 homicide victims, all of them women and children, in cases that indicate serial killers could be involved.

Of those 32, 13 are attributed to three confirmed multiple murderers: Russell Johnson, the Balcony Killer; Gerald Archer, who was called the Chambermaid Slayer; and Christian McGee, known as the Mad Slasher.

But Arntfield says among the remaining 19, there are links. "We've identified a number that suggest the coexistence of two, and possibly three, others (serial killers) at that time," he said.

At a time when London had 200,000 to 250,000 people, having five or six serial killers was a high rate — "extraordinarily high," said Arntfield.

In fact, he says it's the highest rate of any city, based on the statistics available worldwide.

But why London? Arntfield says it's complicated, but factors include population demographics and London's distances from other cities. Being near the highway is a factor, too.

The full story will be revealed when Arntfield's book is published in the coming months.

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Chinese officials blame separatists for slashing spree

Uighurs accused.
Twenty-nine people killed, four assailants shot dead by police

Prayers at the massacre's site, a train station in Kunming, China, Sunday.
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Authorities on Sunday blamed a slashing rampage that killed 29 people and wounded 143 at a train station in southern China on separatists from the country's far west.

Police fatally shot four of the assailants — putting the overall death toll at 33 — and captured another after the attack late Saturday in Kunming, the capital of Yunnan province, the official Xinhua News Agency said. But authorities were searching for at least five more of the black-clad attackers.

Witnesses described assailants dressed in black storming the train station late Saturday evening and slashing people indiscriminately with large knives and machetes.

State broadcaster CCTV said two of the assailants were women, including one of the slain and the one detained.

China's top police official, Politburo member Meng Jianzhu, arrived in Kunming early Sunday, an indication of how seriously authorities viewed the attack.

Most attacks blamed on Uighur separatists take place in the western province of Xinjiang, but Saturday's assault happened more than 1,500 kilometres to the southeast in Yunnan, which has not had a history of such unrest.

Kunming residents expressed dismay at both the attack and the conditions within China that could have allowed it to happen.

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Ultra-Orthodox protest military service

Hundreds of thousands of ultra-Orthodox Jews paralyzed Jerusalem Sunday to rally against plans to force them to serve in the Israeli military, which is mandatory for secular Jews. ODED BALILTY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada's Cindy Klassen

Olympian helps open women's gym in Palestine

Canadian speedskater Cindy Klassen, a six-time Olympic medallist, has helped open a $1.3 million indoor gym for Palestinian women in the biblical town of Bethlehem.

Women's participation in sports is relatively unusual in Palestinian society.

The 1,300-square-metre sports centre opened Sunday, with funding from Canadian Lutheran World Relief and Calgary's Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church.

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N.Y.C. court

Bin Laden's son-in-law on trial

Osama bin Laden's son-in-law goes to trial Monday on charges he conspired to kill Americans in his role as al-Qaida's mouthpiece after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

West urges Russia to stand down

Divided loyalties. While western Ukraine wants closer ties with the EU, its eastern and southern regions look to Russia for support

Unidentified armed men patrol around a Ukraine infantry base in Perevalne, Sunday. Hundreds of armed men in trucks and armoured vehicles surrounded the Ukrainian military base, blocking its soldiers from leaving. The outnumbered Ukrainians placed a tank at the base's gate, leaving the two sides in a tense standoff. DARKO VOJINOVIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Warning that it was "on the brink of disaster," Ukraine put its military on high alert Sunday and appealed for international help to avoid what it feared was the possibility of an invasion by Russia.

Outrage over Russia's tactics mounted in world capitals, with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry calling on President Vladimir Putin to pull back from "an incredible act of aggression."

Fearing that Europe's borders were being rewritten by force, world leaders rushed to find a diplomatic solution to the dispute. But there was no denying what had already happened on the ground: Russia captured the Black Sea peninsula on Saturday without firing a shot.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk said there was no reason for Russia to invade Ukraine and warned that "we are on the brink of disaster."

"We believe that our western partners and the entire global community will support the territorial integrity and unity of Ukraine," he said Sunday in Kyiv.

NATO held an emergency meeting in Brussels, Britain's foreign minister flew to Kyiv to support its new government and the U.S., France and Britain debated the possibility of boycotting the next Group of Eight economic summit, being held in June at Sochi, the host of Russia's successful Winter Olympics.

On Sunday evening, the White House issued a joint statement on behalf of the Group of Seven saying they are suspending participation in the planning for the upcoming summit because Russia's advances in the Ukraine violate the "principles and values" on which the G7 and G8 operate.

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Soviet-style intervention

Baird rules out military response

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird is ruling out western military intervention to force Russia to pull its troops out of Ukraine. But he's not ruling out further sanctions, including expelling Russia's ambassador to Canada.

Baird described Russia's incursion as "old Soviet-style" aggression and said Putin's attempts to justify it are "absurd and ridiculous."

"What we are doing is working together to say in no uncertain terms that this is completely unacceptable and to condemn (it) in the strongest language possible."

On Saturday, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Canada will boycott preparatory meetings for the G8 summit, which is supposed to be held in June in Sochi. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Syria

Journalist released

A Spanish journalist kidnapped by militants from a breakaway al-Qaida group in Syria crossed the border into Turkey on Sunday, his newspaper reported. The news came as the reporter's captors, fighters from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant group, fled areas near the Turkish border, leaving behind at least two mass graves.

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Egypt

PM urges end to strikes, protests

Egypt's new prime minister on Sunday urged a halt to protests and strikes to give the nation a breather to rebuild after more than three years of deadly turmoil, a call made by his predecessors to no avail. Ibrahim Mehlib made his appeal in an address televised live on his first full day on the job after he and members of his Cabinet were sworn in on the previous day by interim president Adly Mansour.

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South Africa. 24-hour TV channel showing Oscar Pistorius trial goes on air

A cable TV channel devoted to the Oscar Pistorius murder trial went on air in South Africa on Sunday night showing footage of the blonde model the world-famous athlete shot dead at his home a year ago. The video includes footage of her playing with dolphins.

The 24-hour channel began broadcasting just over 12 hours before Pistorius was expected in court for the start of his trial.

Dedicated completely to the trial, some of its early programming focused on the life of girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp, the model and reality TV star Pistorius killed on Valentine's Day last year when he fired shots through a toilet door at his house. In one video taken by security camera, a smiling Steenkamp is seen arriving at the gated community where Pistorius lived just hours before she was killed. There was also video of her swimming with dolphins while shooting a reality TV show for South African television. At one point, two dolphins tap their snouts on her cheeks.

Pistorius denies murder and says he shot Steenkamp after mistaking her for a dangerous intruder inside a toilet cubicle in his bathroom during the night.

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The channel, called The Oscar Pistorius Trial — A Carte Blanche channel, is on South Africa's most popular cable TV network, which is one of the three broadcasters that asked the judge to allow live coverage of the trial.

- Three remote-controlled cameras have been installed in the courtroom.
- The trial judge has the option of stopping the live coverage if it becomes intrusive.

Pacaya volcano getting busy again

Residents exercise as a column of ash rises from the Pacaya volcano in Villa Nueva, Guatemala on Sunday. Guatemala authorities say the Pacaya volcano near Guatemala City has shot plumes of ash and vapor 3.7 kilometres high, while spewing glowing-hot rock. The eruption early Sunday is the latest round of activity at the scenic volcano located just 50 kilometres south of Guatemala City. MOISES CASTILLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CEO insists

Apple has 'a ton of stuff going on'

Apple CEO Tim Cook is still trying to convince shareholders that the iPhone maker remains a step ahead in the race to innovate, even though recent performance of Apple's stock lags behind other tech trendsetters.

In making his case Friday, Cook struck a familiar refrain during Apple's annual shareholder meeting at the company's Cupertino, Calif., headquarters.

Cook promised that Apple Inc. is working on new gadgets that will expand the company's product lineup beyond smartphones, tablets, music players and personal computers without divulging any details.

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24 in 2013

U.S. hit with five bank failures already this year

Regulators have closed small lenders in Virginia and Pennsylvania, bringing U.S. bank failures this year to five after 24 closures in 2013.

U.S. bank failures have been declining since they peaked in 2010 in the wake of the financial crisis and the Great Recession.

Only three banks went under in 2007. That jumped to 25 in 2008, after the financial meltdown, and ballooned to 140 in 2009.

In a strong economy, about four or five banks close annually.

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Helping hand

World Bank gives struggling Tunisia $1.2B package

The World Bank announced Friday a $1.2-billion US package to support Tunisia's economic reforms and stumbling economy.

The much-needed cash came on the heels of the announcement a month ago by the International Monetary Fund that a long-delayed $500 million US in funding had been released following the passing of a new post-revolutionary constitution.

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Cars wait for a green light on a main road covered with fake banknotes after members of the main opposition Republican People's Party threw fake euros into the air during an anti-government protest denouncing a corruption scandal that has shaken Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government, in Ankara, Turkey, on Saturday.

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Four rules to win RRSP game

HOW TO ROLL
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It's today! The RRSP contribution deadline for the 2013 tax year ends at midnight. And here you are, among the more than 75 per cent of eligible Canadians who haven't made an RRSP contribution. Don't let another year pass without capitalizing on just about the only tax deduction for working folk. Before you sign on the dotted line, here are four RRSP loan rules.

1. Have a taxable income
There is no point in borrowing to contribute if it provides no tax advantage to offset the loan costs. Contribute by all means, if it makes sense for retirement planning and to carry the deduction forward to higher earning years. But don't saddle yourself with debt to do so.

2. Pay it back in one year
Don't let the fact that the money is going into your RRSP confuse things. It's a debt and must be paid off. With just hours to go, consider this: If you weren't able to save enough during the year for regular contributions, how are you going to pay off the loan over the next year? If you can't get rid of the debt within the next 12 months, think hard about how you will avoid being pulled into a cycle of debt-contribution-debt for future years.

3. Direct tax refund at loan
Come tax-refund time there are always demands on those dollars, but they should go to pay off the RRSP loan. Without fail, every time I've seen the borrow-to-contribute strategy go off the rails, it starts with the failure to use the refund to pay down the loan.

4. Work on a savings plan
Failure to contribute to an RRSP means something is wrong with your financial plan. It's time to butt heads with your budget and figure out why your retirement saving is not on track.

London, Ont.

Words with friends leads to apptacular success

Sometimes words can hurt, and that's a bad thing.

But for the people behind the video game Letter Quest: Grimm's Journey, damaging words are spelling out their success.

Jake Macher and Mark Smith, who met while working together in London, Ont., are the creators of the game, which came out on Feb. 5.

And it's looking good. Soon after its release, the game made it onto the iTunes App Store's front page, and its popularity means it's stayed there since. It's the first game produced by Bacon Bandit Games, which was formed by the friends six months ago. MIKE DONACHIE/ METRO IN LONDON, ONT.

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CAN'T HANDLE 'CLASSIC' CANUCKS

URBAN COMPASS

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You had to wonder if it was some kind of joke. On Saturday, the Chicago Blackhawks and the Pittsburgh Penguins played a rousing, good-old-fashioned hockey game at Soldier Field. The players plowed through the snow like kids on a holiday, and everybody had a great time. Except maybe the Penguins, who were walloped 5-1 by the Hawks.

Still, there were 17 Olympic stars flailing around in the snow and the whole thing was a merry romp.

Yesterday, they played the Heritage Classic in Vancouver.

Basically, they moved the game across the street from one indoor venue to another. The roof over BC Place was closed as there was a possibility it might rain. So much for "atmosphere."

As for the game itself, it featured the classic rivalry between the Vancouver Canucks and the Ottawa Senators.

Not. There is no classic rivalry. At least Chicago and Pittsburgh are only one time zone apart. There are at least two dozen other matchups that would induce more excitement. Starting with our rivals in Alberta, just over the mountains.

We might as well go against the Ottawa RedBlacks.

Then, if the indoor-outdoor classic between two virtual strangers wasn't enough, the Canucks did the most tone-deaf thing imaginable and started Eddie Lack in goal, ignoring the greatest goalie who has ever played as a Canuck, Roberto Luongo. Who, by the way, was the only Canadian Canuck to play a meaningful role in the Sochi Olympics. For his trouble, he rode the pine under the roof. At least he stayed dry.

Lack is playing marginally better than Luongo right now, but this is supposed to be the Heritage Classic, not just game No. 61. Luongo would have played his heart out and for a moment, this woebegone Canucks season might have had a momentary sparkle.

There was nothing classic about the ticket prices, either. The last time the Canucks played the Senators in a meaningful game was the 1915 Stanley Cup final and the price of admission was 50 cents to $1.50. Tickets for yesterday's meaningless exercise ranged from $104.40 to $327.70. And that's before the $20 beer and hotdog.

At least it snowed a bit. But even the predicted snowstorm failed to turn up and by game time it was drizzling over BC Place. Of course, you wouldn't know because the roof was closed.

Deadlines being what they are, this peevish polemic was written before the final score was in. But who cares? The Canucks are in 10th place and lucky to score a goal a game. The Heritage Classic fiasco is a fitting symbol for the winter of our discontent.

I don't know about you, but if this is a joke, I'm not enjoying being the punchline.

ZOOM

Nothing funny about Polar Plunge

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Tonight Show host takes a jump in lake

Jimmy Fallon participates in the Chicago Polar Plunge 2014 into Lake Michigan on Sunday in Chicago.

The Tonight Show host agreed to make the "plunge" with Mayor Rahm Emanuel as a condition for the mayor appearing on Fallon's show in New York, following an exchange of tweets and challenges.

The annual event draws several thousand hearty plungers to raise money for Special Olympics Chicago.

Emanuel said last summer that if the city's children read 2 million books as part of a Chicago Public Library program called Rahm's Readers, he'd jump in the lake. When it appeared that they had met the goal, Emanuel had to do it.

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Challenge prompted by Chicago mayor

When Emanuel heard that Fallon wanted him to appear on the late-night show that he took over in February from longtime host Jay Leno, the mayor called the comedian and challenged him to join in the plunge.

Fallon joked on his show Wednesday that he agreed to make the plunge before realizing what the plunge actually entailed.

He called it a "nightmare" but said he was a "man of my words."

He said Emanuel told him he had to "toughen up" before Emanuel would appear on his show.

The comedian's followers egged him to do it with a #JimmyPlungeWithUs campaign on Twitter.

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Scoping out a new hairstyle? Maybe you're travelling soon and don't want to risk any salon miscommunications. Here are some apps that use a face photo to let you try on different hairstyles.

ModiFace Hairstyles:
This app allows women to try out 85 different styles in 20 colours, with photos of popular celebrity looks. (free, iOS)

Hair Salon:
This similar app lets women try out a variety of hairstyles. (free, Android)

Men's Hairstyles:
See your handsome mug in 240 different styles, including facial hair.
Probably the quickest way to try out a Santa beard or a crew cut. ($0.99, iOS)

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@metropicks asked: A fire dept is mad b/c a porn site took over their expired URL. What site would you take over and why?

@icubedca: We would take over http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca because we really admire their income.

@speirsr: I would take over MetroNews.ca, and then perhaps start a newspaper. (Psst. I lack imagination.)

@late2game: Snagged actionlondon.ca which was an astroturfing front for the development industry during the 2010 muni election.

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RE: Man Wakes Up In Body Bag At Funeral Home, published Feb. 28

You would think before putting someone in a fricking body bag, you would ensure that they were actually dead. Whoever signed off on this guy's death should be fired and have their licence revoked. **Grrrrrrrrr posted to metronews.ca**

maybe he dropped in for a cold one **CrazySnail posted to metronews.ca**

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Alfonso Cuaron accepts the award for best director of the year for Gravity during the Oscars at the Dolby Theatre on Sunday in Los Angeles. JOHN SHEARER/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Only best picture escapes the mighty pull of Gravity

And the Oscar goes to ... Many categories were considered a foregone conclusion, so all eyes were left on best picture and supporting actress

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

While Gravity pulled off a near-sweep at the Academy Awards, it was the gripping historical drama 12 Years a Slave that took the top prize, with Steve McQueen's harrowing retelling of the trials of Solomon Northup winning the Oscar for best picture Sunday night in Hollywood. Despite losing out to 12 Years a Slave, Aflonso Cuaron's technological marvel was the clear leader, dominating the show with wins for directing, cinematography and editing, among others. David O. Russell's American Hustle, by contrast, was completely shut out.

With many of the main categories considered a foregone conclusion after a lengthy awards season that pushed freshly minted Oscar winners Matthew McConaughey, Jared Leto and Cate Blanchett to the front of the pack, all eyes were on the few remaining categories left up in the air, including best supporting actress. In that race, Lupita Nyong'o (12 Years a Slave) bested closest rival Jennifer Lawrence (American Hustle), earning an Oscar for her first film role. "It doesn't escape me for one minute that so much joy in my life is because of so much pain in someone else's," Nyong'o said in an tear-filled, emotional acceptance speech. "When I look down at this golden statue, may it remind me and every little child that no matter where you're from your dreams are valid."

As for Leto, the first-time nominee kicked off the night with an expected win for his portrayal of transgender AIDS patient Rayon in Dallas Buyers Club. Leto honoured his mother while accepting his award. "Thank you for teaching me to dream," he told her from the stage. "To all the dreamers out there watching around the world in places like the Ukraine and Venezuela, I want to say that we are here. ... We're thinking of you tonight."

Host Ellen DeGeneres, returning to the job after leading the show in 2007, took the torch from Seth MacFarlane and promised a ceremony with less song-and-dance and less controversy. She kicked off the show in a sparkly blue tuxedo and a joke about the inclement weather in Los Angeles last week. "We're fine," she assured the audience. She also attempted to reassure the nominees that it wasn't about the competition. "Who are we kidding? It's the Hunger Games," she soon admitted. "You're starving, there are cameras everywhere and Jennifer Lawrence won last year." But after a strong start, the ceremony quickly took on a lagging pace, seeming to drag on with extraneous segments focusing on the show's theme of celebrating heroes. And though DeGeneres had vowed to be more involved in the show beyond the first half hour, that promwise didn't appear to bear out.

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John MacKay, former editor of Fashion magazine and pop culture reporter, gives us his picks for Oscar's best-dressed list — and who missed the mark

Red-hot on the red carpet

1 Most anticipated dress — that didn't disappoint: Cate Blanchett in Armani — plus loyalty to an old friend.

2 Chicest Couple: Olivia Wilde and Jason Sudeikis, she in black Valentino, he in a midnight blue Prada tuxedo. Good taste, good looks and a pregnancy to boot!

3 A host outshines the stars: Ryan Seacrest, hosting E's red carpet coverage wearing an off-white Burberry dinner jacket (he calls it "custard cream") rather than the usual black.

4 Best red on red: Jennifer Lawrence on the red carpet in red Christian Dior. Keeping with her Oscar tradition, Lawrence tripped, but recovered the only way this woman knows how: with a laugh.

5 The one exception: In a rare misstep, newly blonde Julia Roberts is sadly, surprisingly, dowdy.

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Year In Focus 2013

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Proof that a digital book can hold more photos than paper, this retrospective from Getty Images is a wealth of zoomable slide shows and interactive panoramas that place you at sporting events, concerts, and red carpet galas. Video reports revisit the year's scandals and conflicts while archives and obituaries travel through lives of influence. Every page preserves an extraordinary second.

Razzies

Forget the best, who's the worst in Hollywood?

Has Adam Sandler's dubious dominance of the Razzies come to an end? While Sandler has earned plenty of dubious honours from the Golden Raspberry Award Foundation — "celebrating" the worst in cinema each year on the night before the Oscars — he went home empty-handed despite his Grown Ups 2 being nominated for nine Razzies. Instead, the top honour went to star-studded sketch-comedy omnibus Movie 43, which won worst director for its 13 directors and worst screenplay for its 19 credited writers. Sandler himself was unseated by Jaden Smith, dubbed worst actor for his work alongside dad Will Smith — and worst supporting actor winner — in the sci-fi flop After Earth. The father-son duo also earned a trophy for worst screen combo. And Johnny Depp's disappointing The Lone Ranger was named worst remake, rip-off or sequel, making it the only Oscar-nominated film (for best makeup) to win a Razzie this year.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Pop goes the week

Crowe, Crowe, Crowe your boat gently toward the Pope…

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Russell Crowe has been tweeting the Pope, inviting him to come watch Russell's new movie Noah. The Pope finally tweets back, "Already know that story, Gladi8r-boy. But really looking forward to Guardians of the Galaxy #rocketraccoon."

An expert says that the recent proliferation of selfies is leading to a worrying increase in head lice. See, that's why I don't ever put my head next to someone else and take a picture, not because I don't have any friends.

Alec Baldwin announces that he's leaving public life for the following reasons: 1) He's too sensitive to deal with the haters. 2) Everyone in the world doesn't think and behave the way he wants them to think and behave. 3) Too many head lice.

Paula Deen declared that she's "back in the saddle." She added, "On a white horse, of course."

VH1 announces production of a new reality series called Naked Dating. It's for those who find The Bachelor "too damn snooty."

Conspiracy theorists attack the video for Katy Perry's Dark Horse as being the most insidious indoctrination tool the Illuminati has ever produced. After wiping the hot tears from her third eye, Beyoncé immediately fires her video producer.

Skeet Ulrich will be playing two roles, a zombie and the zombie's priest brother, on an NBC show called Babylon Fields. But only because the sitcom Slow Dancing, which was about a werewolf family fighting childhood obesity in space, didn't work out.

David O. Russell says he made Jennifer Lawrence cry by spoiling the ending of Anna Karenina for her while she was reading it. Way to go throwing Jennifer under the train for being a crybaby.

Drake

'Difficult to manage' Drake dropped by PR firm

Drake is quickly earning himself a reputation for being difficult to work with after reportedly being dropped by his public relations firm, according to Page Six. The move was reportedly in response to Drake's outburst over being replaced on the cover of Rolling Stone by the late Philip Seymour Hoffman, and sources tell the Hollywood Reporter that the rapper "has been known to be difficult to manage." Making matters worse, he's apparently taking career advice from a group of friends from Toronto going by the name October's Very Own. "It's a shame that someone with so much talent is surrounded by kids who are burning bridges left and right," a source tells Page Six.

Gavin Rossdale and Gwen Stefani

Gwen and Gavin announce their Apollo landing

Gwen Stefani and husband Gavin Rossdale welcomed their third son on Friday. "Welcome Apollo Bowie Flynn Rossdale," the Bush front man and proud father announced via Twitter, explaining that Bowie and Flynn are he and Stefani's mother's maiden names. Stefani and Rossdale, who have been married for 11 years, are also parents to sons Kingston, 7, and Zuma, 5.

Twitter

@AlbertBrooks
Rumor has it Dennis Rodman is on his way to Ukraine

@Louis_Tomlinson
Dear Mr and Mrs Stone, I'm deeply saddened by your complaint to Chelsea High School regarding our lyrics. I hope the two of you 'get some' very soon

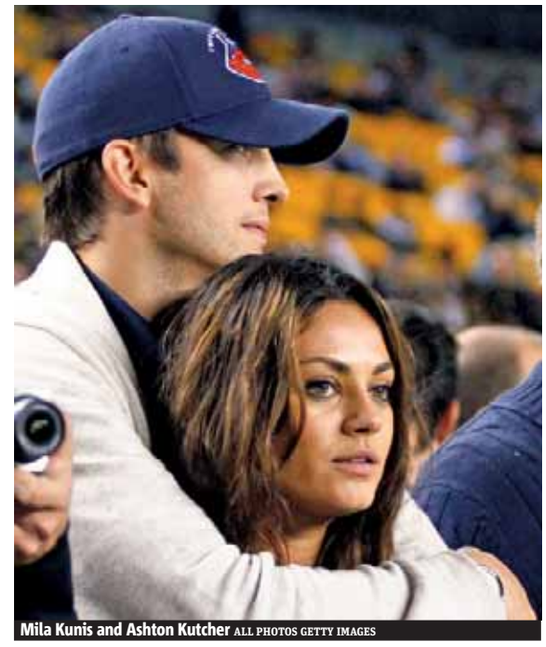
@LoganLerman
Believe it or not but all the rain in LA is just a big Paramount pr stunt

Who would have thought? Jackie and Kelso are finally getting hitched

Of all the romantic pairings in '90s Hollywood that might foretell romantic destiny, Jackie and Kelso from That '70s Show were never at the top of anyone's list. However, it turns out they've stood the test of time: Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher are engaged. Kunis was spotted shopping sporting a large diamond ring on the big deal finger. Sources have since confirmed to E! Online that she and Kutcher are engaged.

Though they've known each other since 1998, when both were cast on That '70s Show, Kunis and Kutcher only began dating in 2012. There are probably any number of reasons for that, not least of which is that when the show began its eight-season run Mila Kunis was only 14 years old, having vaguely misled producers about her age.

However, since he played her love interest, Ashton Kutcher was her first kiss on the show and in real life. And now they're getting married. Somebody make a movie about them. You could probably cover the decade or so in between when she dated Macaulay Culkin and he was married to Demi Moore in a tasteful montage or something, though.



Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

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Use plastic to build credit history

A credit card can be your friend. Establish credit-worthy record just by paying off card in full every month

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People are under the impression that I hate credit cards. Nothing could be further from the truth. I actually use my credit card for most of my purchases. What I hate is the idea of paying interest. I NEVER buy anything for which I do not already have the money set aside, so the balance is paid off in full every month.

Not having a credit card often means not having a credit history: The file that shows how you are at managing credit. This is something we usually associate with older, widowed women who have been cared for by loving, controlling spouses. But not having a credit history isn't the domain on slightly out-of-touch women; there are men out there who haven't got a clue because their wives do everything. And it isn't the exclusive territory of our elders; there are young professionals who haven't bothered to establish their own credit identities.

Everyone needs to have the ability to borrow money. Regardless of how you use credit, to get it you need to have a history to prove you can use it responsibly. And the fastest, cheapest and easiest way to establish a credit history is with a credit card.

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With a credit card, you can build a credit record without it costing you a cent.

If you have no credit history at all — or you've destroyed your credit history and need to rebuild from scratch — you'll need to have sufficient assets to secure your first foray into credit. Most people overlook credit cards as an option because they don't realize a credit card can be secured.

With a secured credit card, you put up cash to cover your balance. Lenders often want twice the credit card limit, so if you want a $500 credit limit you'll have to ante up $1,000. Once you've established your ability to manage the card — anywhere from six months to a year — you can ask for the security requirement to be dropped and your deposit returned.

Secured or unsecured, a credit card can be the cheapest way to build your credit file. In the old days, you had to take a loan, which you then repaid to establish yourself. All the while the interest clock was ticking. So you were "buying" your credit history. With a credit card, you can build a credit record without it costing you a cent. That's because credit cards let you use the issuer's money for a specific period of time interest free. And as long as you repay the outstanding balance in full every month, you can continue to use that credit at no cost. What a deal!

There are three kinds of credit cards: Travel and entertainment cards (like American Express, Diners Club) which don't have preset spending limits but which must be repaid in full each month. Company or retail store cards that are accepted by the issuing company and usually charge the most outrageous rates. And bank issued credit cards that let you "revolve" credit by paying a portion of your balance each month.

Banks do all kinds of things to get you to sign up for their cards. One of the most effective tools they have are teaser rates: Those low interest rates offered as an enticement for you to sign up for the card that last for a specific period of time. And only for as long as you pay on time. Pay attention to the terms and the expiry period, and make your payments well before the due date so you don't get caught when that low introductory rate skyrockets.

The type of credit consumer you are should dictate the type of card you have. If you find yourself carrying a balance, while you work on getting your balance paid off, search for a card with the lowest rate and transfer your balance to that new card. If you pay off your balance every month, you can go with a card that has higher interest — who cares, you're not paying interest anyway — that also offers features like frequent flier miles, cash back, or special insurance options. Just make sure the payoff is worth the price of the annual fee if there is one.

Credit cards can be invaluable when it comes to establishing a credit history. Get one, charge everything, pay it off — all off — every month, and in no time flat you'll have a credit history that will earn you preferential rates when next you need to borrow money for something important.

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Need Advice?

Caroline Battista
Tax Analyst at H&R Block

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Only Some Hospital Parking Can Be Claimed, But Everyone Should File A Return

Q I am working part-time while going to college. I didn't earn very much last year. Do I need to file?

A Absolutely. I would encourage any college or university student to file. Even if you earned no income, once you turn 19 you may be eligible for the GST/HST benefit. You have to file to receive it but it will be worth it when a little extra money arrives every three months. You must claim your tuition and education credits each year even if you can't use them. You may not benefit from the credits right now, but once you are working and paying tax, the carry forward credits mean a nice tax break. Or you can transfer up to $5,000 in credits to your parents, grandparents or spouse.

Q Can you claim hospital parking fees as a medical expense?

A It depends. If you have to travel 80km or more, you can claim mileage, and parking as well as accommodations and meals for you and an attendant. But if the hospital is closer to home, the parking fees can't be claimed as a medical expense.

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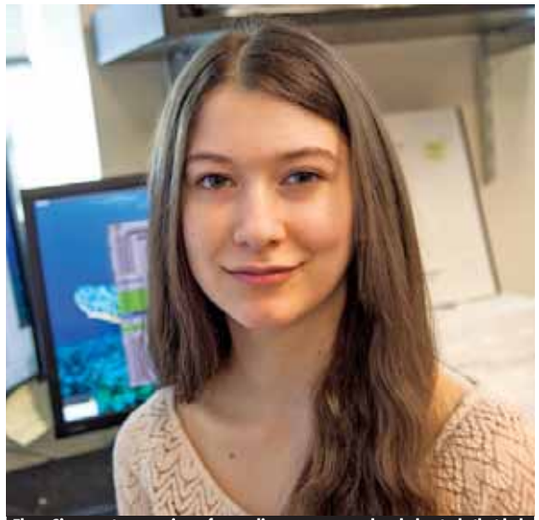
The science of survival: Near-tragedy leads teen to help find gene mutation

Fight back with facts.
After battling a rare liver cancer, NYC high-school student applies her computer science skills to analyzing tumours



Elana Simon, a teen survivor of a rare liver cancer, spearheaded a study that led a team of researchers to find a gene flaw involved with the disease. She plans to study computer science at Harvard next fall. ZACH VEILLEUX /THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

First the teenager survived a rare cancer. Then she wanted to study it, spurring a study that helped scientists find a weird gene flaw that might play a role in how the tumour strikes.

Age 18 is quite young to be listed as an author of a study in the prestigious journal Science. But the industrious high school student's efforts are bringing new attention to this mysterious disease.

"It's crazy that I've been able to do this," said Elana Simon of New York City, describing her idea to study the extremely rare form of liver cancer that mostly hits adolescents and young adults.

Making that idea work required a lot of help from real scientists: Her father, who runs a cellular biophysics lab at the Rockefeller University; her surgeon at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; and gene specialists at the New York Genome Center.

A second survivor of this cancer, who the journal said didn't want to be identified, also co-authored the study.

Together, the team reported Thursday that they uncovered an oddity: A break in genetic material that left the "head" of one gene fused to the "body" of another.

That results in an abnormal protein that forms inside the tumours but not in normal liver tissue, suggesting it might fuel cancer growth, the researchers wrote. They've found the evidence in all 15 of the tumours tested so far.

It's a small study, and more research is needed to see what this gene flaw really does, cautioned Dr. Sanford Simon, the teen's father and the study's senior author.

Simon was diagnosed at age 12. Surgery is the only effective treatment, and her tumour was caught in time that it worked. But there are few options if the cancer spreads, and Simon knows other patients who weren't so lucky.

A high school internship during her sophomore year let Simon use her computer science skills to help researchers sort data on genetic mutations in a laboratory studying another type of cancer.

Simon wondered, why not try the same approach with the liver cancer she'd survived?

The hurdle: Finding enough tumours to test. Only about 200 people a year worldwide are diagnosed, according to the Fibrolamellar Cancer Foundation, which helped fund the new study. There was no registry that kept tissue samples after surgery.

But Simon's pediatric cancer surgeon, Sloan-Kettering's Dr. Michael LaQuaglia, agreed to help, and Simon spread the word to patient groups. Finally, samples trickled in, and Sanford Simon said his daughter was back on the computer helping to analyze what was different in the tumour cells.

At the collaborating New York Genome Center, which genetically mapped the samples, co-author Nicolas Robine said a program called FusionCatcher ultimately zeroed in on the weird mutation.

Sanford Simon said other researchers then conducted laboratory experiments to show the abnormal protein really is active inside tumour cells. He calls it "an exciting time for kids to go into science," because there's so much they can research via computer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Things just got personal

The research project prompted by Elana Simon has grown into work to get more patients involved in scientific research.

- Scientists at the National Institutes of Health are advising the Simons on how to set up a patient registry, and NIH's Office of Rare Diseases Research has posted on its website a YouTube video in which Elana Simon and a fellow survivor explain why it's important get involved.
- "Fibrolamellar Hepatocellular Carcinoma. Not easy to pronounce. Not easily understood," it says.

'Round the world wisdom

Reframe failure and learn from your competitors

The severe market crash in October 2008 changed my life. I started running to regain my health, both emotional and physical. Shortly after I took my first steps, I ran the Gobi March in China in June '09, followed by the Atacama Crossing in Chile in '10 and the Sahara Race in Egypt in '11. In this post, I share a lesson about life, learned from the desert.

LESSONS FROM THE DESERT
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When taking on a new project we define our own benchmark of success. After unexpectedly winning the 2010 Atacama Crossing in the team category, I returned to the Sahara Race to try to repeat. Our success would be defined by one word: winning. As things would unfold, however, we placed second and I would need to reframe the experience to another positive outcome.

On Day 1 we trailed the Spaniards, Day 2 we led, and by Day 4 we lagged behind the Italians by 35 minutes. On Day 5, the race consisted of a double marathon (90 kilometres), a distance long enough to make up the time. Our plan was to attack at the 55-kilometre mark.

At that point, we repeatedly attacked and ran inches from each other without speaking for what seemed like an eternity, ultimately concluding the Italians weren't going to break. We conceded the overall race and agreed to finish the double marathon together, and the race shifted from adversarial to full-on collaboration, helping each other reach the finish line. No longer competing for the win, we openly shared all our race tactics as well as our training secrets.

Fast forward to last week: I signed up to run another desert. Sure enough I found myself running on the beachfront with my eyes closed.

It reconnected me to the fact that the most painful moment of my Sahara experience was also a learning moment that wasn't lost on me.

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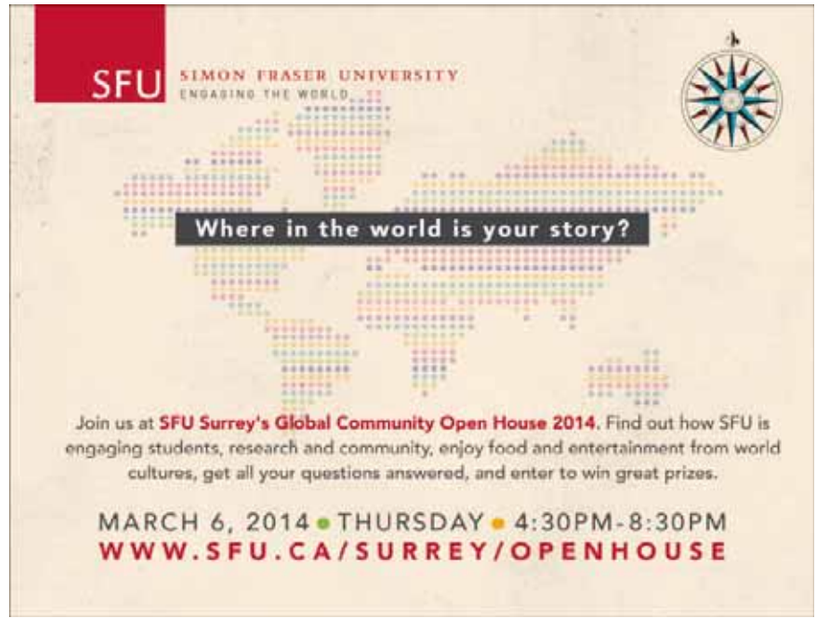
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Turkey in the slaw: Lean burgers zing with hoisin and a fresh crunch

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Turkey burgers are a healthier choice than beef and taste delicious. Feel free to use ground chicken as well.

Consider that 4 ounces of ground beef contains 250 calories, 17 gm of fat and 7 gm of saturated fat. Ground turkey contains only 128 calories, 7 gm of fat and 2 gm of saturated fat for 4 oz.

That's a significant difference to your diet.

You also have a choice of white or dark ground turkey. The dark turkey has slightly more calories and fat but is still lower than beef. Often a combination of both white and dark turkey make a delicious and moist burger.

Turkey is an excellent source of lean protein and contains the amino acid tryptophan, a building block of the brain compound serotonin, which induces better sleep and calmness, something we all need!

The Asian flavors go well with turkey. You can find these ethnic ingredients in the Asian section of supermarkets.

The slaw is prepackaged and found in the lettuce section of your grocery store. Feel free to make your own slaw, by grating some white, red or green cabbage, carrots and broccoli.

No need for a bun, but feel free to serve over a whole grain roll with sliced tomato and an extra dollop of hoisin sauce.

You can make these burgers ahead of time, uncooked and freeze for later use.

The recipe for Asian Turkey Burgers with Slaw Topping recipe makes 4 servings. ROSE REISMAN

Directions

1. Burgers: Mix all ingredients until combined and make four patties.

2. Grill patties in a skillet sprayed with vegetable oil for 5 minutes per side or until temperature reaches 165 F.

3. While cooking burgers, combine slaw topping. Serve over burgers.

Ingredients

Burgers
- ¼ cup finely diced onion
- 1 lb ground turkey
- ¼ cup panko Japanese crumbs or unseasoned bread crumbs
- 3 tbsp hoisin sauce
- 1 ½ tsp minced ginger
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 2 tsp soy sauce
- 1 tsp hot sauce (sriracha)
- 1 tsp sesame oil
- 3 tbsp chopped cilantro

Slaw topping
- 2 ½ cup packed coleslaw
- 1 tbsp hoisin sauce
- 1 tsp minced ginger
- 1 tsp sesame oil
- ½ tsp hot sauce
- 2 tbsp chopped cilantro
- 1 tsp sesame seeds

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Soup shooters pack silky sweet potato with Thai punch, hit of pistachio pesto

Shot glass soups are very popular for a starter before dinner or for an appetizer at a party.

Sweet potatoes and light coconut milk make a creamy and rich tasting Thai-flavored soup without the calories and fat.

You can substitute butternut squash for the sweet potato.

Thai Sweet Potato Soup recipe makes 12 (four ounce) servings. ROSE REISMAN

Directions

1. Lightly coat a large nonstick pot with cooking spray. Add the oil and set over medium heat. Sauté the onion, garlic and ginger in the pot for 5 minutes or until the onions are just softened.

2. Add the lemon grass, sweet potatoes, stock, chili sauce and salt. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to low. Cover and simmer for about 15 minutes or until the potatoes are tender.

3. Purée the soup in a blender or food processor in batches. Return the soup to the saucepan and add the coconut milk and honey. Heat through. Serve the soup in shot glasses and garnish with cilantro and nuts.

Cooking time: 20 minutes

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Ingredients

Thai Sweet Potato Soup
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup diced onion
- 2 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 1 tsp finely chopped ginger
- 2 tbsp finely minced lemon grass or 1 tsp grated lemon zest
- 6 cups diced peeled sweet potatoes
- 3 cups low-sodium chicken stock
- 1 ½ tsp hot chili sauce (sriracha)
- Pinch of salt
- 1 cup light coconut milk
- 1 tsp honey

Garnish
- ¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro or basil
- 3 tbsp finely chopped pistachio nuts

For serving
12 (4 oz) shot glasses

Something Lacking at Heritage Classic

NHL. Tortorella facing heat after starting Lack over veteran Luongo in loss to Ottawa

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Having made the highly unpopular choice to start rookie goalie Eddie Lack over Roberto Luongo in the Heritage Classic, John Tortorella said he would make the same decision again if he had to.

The Canucks got off to a fantastic start, opening up a two-goal lead over the visiting Ottawa Senators in front of 54,194 fans at BC Place Stadium, but fell apart, giving up four unanswered goals in a 4-2 loss.

Lack allowed three goals on 27 shots, and looked shaky at times. Ottawa's winning goal on a shot from Cody Ceci was one the amiable Swedish netminder would probably like to have back.

Tortorella, in his first year as the Canucks' head coach, is taking heat for his decision to go with Lack Sunday. It was his third consecutive start since the Olympic break.

Throughout the day, the locals voiced their collective displeasure about it. When Lack, having given up only two goals combined over his previous three starts, was introduced, fans in the stadium began booing and breaking out the "Luu" chants for Luongo.

A #FreeLuongo hashtag took over Twitter. A brief chant of "We Want Lu!" circled the stadium.

"He deserved to play this game," said Tortorella of Lack.

Vancouver is no stranger to goalie controversies. Fans, the media and the organization are fresh off one that lasted well over a year and only ended this past summer.

Tortorella said he took that into consideration when deciding his starting goalie. He also said Luongo was "pissed" about the decision.

"Before this game, the way Eddie was playing, I thought he was our best chance to get these two points," said Tortorella.

"But I also understand all the stuff going on around it. I believe Lu can handle it. I think he's a tremendous pro. He was not happy ... but I made the decision for this game.

"I would make the same call."

Now, the question becomes who will the Canucks start in goal in a pivotal Pacific Division match-up against the Phoenix Coyotes on Tuesday.

If Tortorella chooses to go with Luongo, it would be his first NHL start since Feb. 8.

The Senators celebrate Cody Ceci's second-period goal on Eddie Lack during Ottawa's 4-2 win in the Heritage Classic on Sunday at BC Place. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Heritage Classic

4	2
Senators	Canucks

NHL

Sedin injury adds to already ugly scene

Vancouver Canucks forward Daniel Sedin left Sunday's game with an apparent leg injury suffered in the second period.

He did not return, and there was no update on his status after the game.

Sedin, who had gone 21 games without a goal prior to Sunday, crashed heavily and awkwardly into the end boards on a hit from Ottawa Senators defenceman Marc Methot. Sedin struggled off the ice and then had to make the long walk from the ice surface to the dressing room with the assistance of two members of the Canucks' training staff. He appeared to be favouring his left leg as he left the ice.

The Canucks, on the road for two important games against Western Conference foes Phoenix Coyotes and Dallas Stars that could go a long way in determining their playoff hopes, have been ravaged by injuries this season.

CAM TUCKER/METRO

Canucks forward Daniel Sedin falls to his hands and knees behind Senators goalie Craig Anderson after taking a hit from Ottawa defenceman Marc Methot on Sunday at BC Place. RICH LAM/GETTY IMAGES

4 SPORTS

Stepping up vs. Steph

NBA. DeRozan wins battle between premier swingmen as Raptors get some payback against Warriors

On Sunday

104	98
Raptors	Warriors

DeMar DeRozan had zero intention of losing to the Golden State Warriors for a second time this season.

DeRozan had one of his best games of the season as he scored 32 points to lead the Raptors past the Warriors 104-98 on Sunday afternoon, with the memory of Toronto giving up a 27-point lead to Golden State in December still lingering in his mind.

"It was a big win, big win against a great Western Conference team," DeRozan said. "Especially with the way we lost at their place. The way that we lost was definitely tough, we understood that coming into tonight so it was definitely a big win."

DeRozan downplayed his own stellar offensive output.

"I just got out and played, to be honest," DeRozan said. "Just try to go out there and play to win. I understand that every game we go out and play, how important it is."

DeRozan did more than just play Sunday. He won the battle against Stephen Curry to give Toronto its first win against the Warriors with Golden State's all-star guard in the lineup.

While Curry finished with 34 points on 13-for-27 shooting, DeRozan put in an all-star performance, scoring his 32 points on 10-for-16 shooting from the floor and 11-for-12 from the line. He also recorded four rebounds, six assists and a steal.

Kyle Lowry added 13 points and eight assists for Toronto (33-26).

Curry had a game-high 34 points for Golden State (36-24) and David Lee added 20 points and 11 rebounds.

DeRozan was effusive in his praise of his point guard.

"Whatever I say about Kyle is an understatement," DeRozan said. "We go off him to be honest, man. We just ride off him, that's a hell of a player right there. He's the reason why I'm getting 30 points."

Golden State went ahead by five points early in the fourth before the Raptors reeled off an 11-0 run to take a 92-86 lead with less than six minutes left. DeRozan scored 12 of his 32 in the final quarter.

"We just lost our composure on the offensive end a little bit and didn't play solid enough on the other end in the last five minutes," Curry said. "We had a five-point lead with eight minutes left, they went on an 11-0 run and we didn't have an answer for it." THE CANADIAN PRESS

More from DeMar

"Everybody in this locker room really wants to make the playoffs so I'm just going out there doing whatever I can."

Raptors shooting guard DeMar DeRozan

Amir Johnson finishes a big dunk over Warriors forward David Lee during the Raptors' win on Sunday at Air Canada Centre. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Harvick charges to NASCAR win

Kevin Harvick celebrates Sunday's Sprint Cup victory in Phoenix. JERRY MARKLAND/GETTY IMAGES

Kevin Harvick had a nice send-off with Richard Childress Racing, winning his penultimate race with the team at Phoenix International Raceway.

Back at Phoenix four months later, he stamped his arrival at Stewart-Haas Racing by winning the second race with his new team — doing it on the same weekend he celebrated his 13th wedding anniversary, no less.

Yeah, Harvick kind of likes it in the desert.

Disappointed at the Daytona 500 after a last-lap crash, Harvick bounced back quickly by charging to the front and dominating the rest of the way Sunday to win consecutive races at PIR with different teams.

Harvick won the fall race after Carl Edwards ran out of fuel at the white flag.

He needed no help Sunday.

Harvick had the fastest car in practice and kept it rolling in the race, charging to the front after starting 13th and pretty much staying there.

He led 224 of 312 laps on the odd-shaped mile oval and pulled away on several late restarts for his fifth NASCAR Sprint Cup victory at PIR, passing Jimmie Johnson for the most at the track. Daytona 500 winner Dale Earnhardt Jr. finished second, pole sitter Brad Keselowski was third and Penske Racing teammate Joey Logano fourth.

Jeff Gordon rounded out the top five on a warm and partly cloudy day after downpours wiped out the final 32 laps of Saturday's Nationwide race, won by Kyle Busch. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB. Bronx Bombers live up to moniker against division rival Blue Jays

Carlos Beltran homered for his first hit this spring, leading the New York Yankees past the Toronto Blue Jays 8-2 on Sunday.

Jose Bautista hit his second homer in exhibition play for the Blue Jays.

Beltran's solo home run came in the third off reliever Todd Redmond and landed far over the right-field fence. It capped a four-run inning that included a two-run homer by Eduardo Nunez.

Beltran signed a three-year, $45-million contract with the Yankees in the off-season. He batted .296 with 24 homers and 84 RBIs with the St. Louis Cardinals last year.

"You want to see guys swinging the bat well, obviously, but it's really important at the end," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said.

"It doesn't really matter sometimes. You can be swinging the bat horrible at the end of spring training and get off to a hot start and vice versa. But it's always nice to see." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jose Bautista hits a solo home run for the Blue Jays against the Yankees on Sunday in Dunedin, Fla. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

PGA. Henley emerges from four-man playoff to claim Honda Classic title

Russell Henley made good on his second chance at the 18th hole Sunday and won the Honda Classic in a four-man playoff.

The closing hour was a series of blunders at PGA National, particularly by Rory McIlroy, who lost a two-shot lead by closing with a 74.

Henley was in position to win in regulation until he chunked a wedge and had to scramble for par on the par-5 18th. In the playoff, he was the only player to reach the green in two and two-putted for birdie and the win.

Tiger bows out

13

Tiger Woods withdrew after 13 holes Sunday, citing a lower-back injury. Woods was 5-over par for the final round — 12 shots behind leader Rory McIlroy at the time.

Russell Knox, Ryan Palmer and McIlroy all made par in the playoff.

Henley, who closed with a 72, won for the second time and qualified for the Masters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Pacers do what it takes to beat Jazz

The Indiana Pacers played just well enough to beat an inferior opponent, which has been the way most of their five-game win streak has gone.

David West scored 25 points, Paul George added 22, and the Pacers beat the Utah Jazz 94-91 on Sunday night. After two close tilts against Milwaukee and a come-from-behind victory in Boston on Saturday night, Indiana survived a scare against Utah for the win. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL

Bills' contract talks with Byrd stuck in standstill

Contract talks between the Bills and safety Jairus Byrd were at a standstill on Sunday, a day before Buffalo faces a deadline to apply the franchise tag on the three-time Pro Bowl selection.

One familiar with the situation told The Associated Press the Bills made a multi-year offer to Byrd that would have paid him about $30 million over the contract's first three seasons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
The Sun links with power planet Pluto today, so it's unlikely you will be in the mood to stay home and bake cookies. There is a world out there and you have the talent to be Number One.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
If you take a risk over the next 24 hours it will more than likely pay off. No matter how powerful your rivals may be you have what they do not – staying power and no fear.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
No matter what you turn your hand to over the next few days it will work out better than you expected. You are going to accomplish something special indeed.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Never doubt that you have what it takes to succeed. Never doubt that you belong at the top with the best. Today's Sun-Pluto link will inspire you to believe all things are possible.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
The week ahead will be busy in the extreme but you're ready for the challenges that will come your way – in fact you're eager for them. Don't wait for others to take the lead, take it yourself.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may have to get tough with someone who has let you down but make sure you don't let your anger take over because if you go too far you will lose your credibility.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You won't stop impressing people with your ideas, both at home and at work others will look up to you as the one person they can trust to see things as they really are.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
How much confidence do you have in your abilities? Hopefully it's a lot because with the Sun linked to your ruler Pluto there are going to be some big changes coming.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Some things are more difficult than others but this will be one of those days when everything comes easy to you. With the Sun linked to Pluto, planet of power, there is nothing you cannot do.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Don't let your suspicious nature get the better of you today because there is little you have to worry about. Pluto in your sign means others should be more afraid of you than you of them.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Remember today that even an Aquarius has limits. It may feel as if you can take on the world and win but there may be a downside if you come on strong when you don't have to.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
The world will see your passionate side today and even your friends will be amazed at your determination. Those who thought you were all talk are about to be proved wrong. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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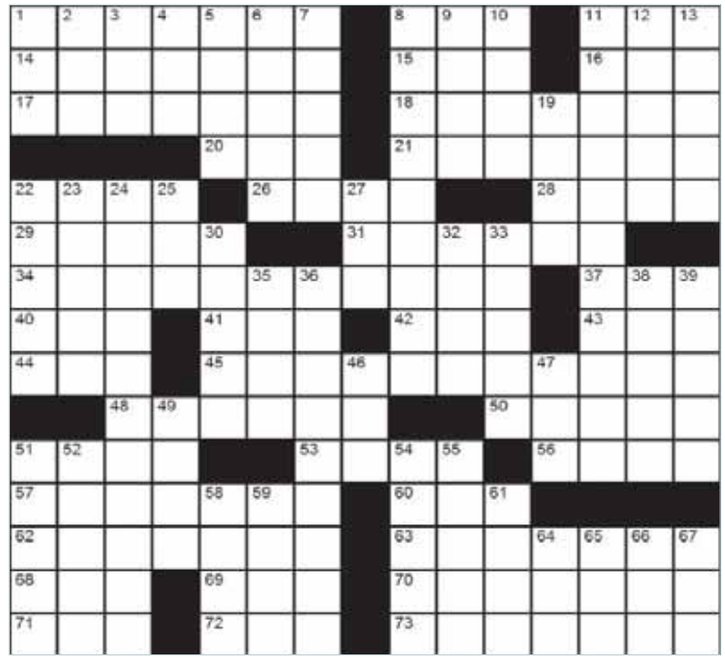
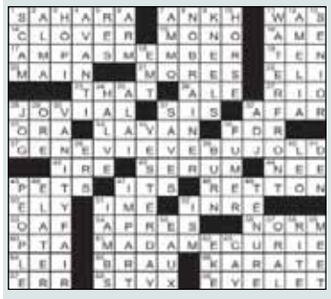


Across
1. Pharaoh's pride
8. Nancy Grace's station
11. Canada's dance music channel
14. Escape legend
15. Storm's centre
16. Can. neighbour
17. Spring Training locale for the Toronto Blue Jays
18. Gobbled down the food
20. 'Senor' suffix
21. __-__ protester (Fashion show attendee, at times)
22. Sovereign's staff
26. Ex-love of Britney's ex-love Kevin
28. Built
29. Jim Croce's "_ __ _ Name"
31. Hertz pickup
34. Canadian correspondent on "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart": 2 wds.
37. Against [abbr.]
40. Sun lotion number
41. Never: German
42. 'Carot' completer
43. Scot's 'own'
44. Royal officer, for short
45. Great alum of "American Idol": 2 wds.
48. Yellow-green hue
50. Deliver the summons
51. Mr. Garfunkel, cute-style
53. Look for
56. Australian greeting!
57. Make mention of: 2 wds.
60. Jewellery sparkler
62. Canadian artist Mr. MacDonald (b.1901 - d.1989)
63. Indigo CEO, Heather __
68. Tic-Tac-Toe win
69. Fitting
70. Closed-off area
71. Brit. word/reference work
72. __-di-dah
73. Riot spray: 2 wds.

Down
1. High degree
2. "__, too?!?"
3. Bleed
4. 'Block' suffix
5. Skirt length
6. Monogram components, for short
7. Showbiz personality Ms. Shore
8. 1962 Crystals hit: 3 wds.
9. Ms. Redgrave
10. Organized
11. Old West sight: 2 wds.
12. Pretension person
13. Mother, in Madrid
19. Terza __ (Italian verse form)
22. Grammy-winning artist, __ Elliott
23. Awestruck
24. Mashed potatoes, as an example: 2 wds.
25. Greek letter
27. The Altar constellation
30. Ms. Paquin's
32. "99 Luftballons" by __
33. Overbrims
35. Clothes-washing brand
36. What many Canadians do at Spring Break: 2 wds.
38. PEI's motto, __ sub Ingenti
39. Rocker Mr. Wentz, fun-style
46. Li'l Abner character, Daisy __
47. Say "Pretty, please!"
49. Glaring glancer
51. Spelled-out "Star Wars" (1977) character, __-Detoo
52. Use a garden shed tool once more
54. Type of heron
55. Carolyn __ (Name behind 'Nancy Drew' stories)
58. Tangible
59. Bark-made cloth
61. Isinglass
64. 35mm camera variety, briefly
65. Maclean's, e.g.
66. Marilu's role on '90s comedy "Evening Shade"
67. Belonging to maha's li'l state

Friday's Crossword



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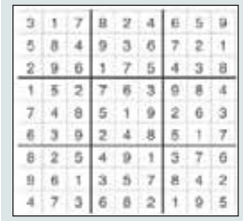
How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

9	3	6			7			1
	7	5	3			9	4	
2				9		5		
				3	1	2	5	
			2		9			
	9	2	4	5				
		4		2				8
	5	3			4	6	9	
7			8			4	1	5

Friday's Sudoku



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